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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS SHORT-WAVE RADIO PROGRAMMING

- 1. GOP HAS MOVED TO AVOID DUPLICATIONS AND, APPARENTLY, TO RUEDUCE LEFTIST INFLUENCE, IN ITS SHORT-WAVE RADIO PROGRAMMING FOR EMIGRANTS IN WESTER EUROPE.
- 2. BACKGROUND: SINCE 1976 GOP HAS HAD ESSENTIALY PARALLEL INTERNATIONAL SHORT-WAVE SERVICES: ONE WAS PREPARED BY STATE RADIO (RADIOIFUSAO PORTUGUESA RDP) AND WAS TRANSMITTED FOR 27 HOURS WEEKLY BY RARET, THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING'S RFE/RL INSTALLATION. THE OTHER CALLED RADIO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIBERDADE (RADIO LIBERTY) WAS PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR EMIGRATION AND WAS AIRED BY DEUTSCHE WELLE TRANSMITTERS IN PORTUGAL. EMBASSY SOURCES SAID THAT WHILE RDP PROGRAMMING WAS STRAIGHTFOWARD MUSIC AND NEWS, THE EMIGRATION SECRETARIAT'S PROGRAMMING WAS HEAVY ON LEFTIST-INFLUENCEDO POLITICAL POLEMIC.

- 3. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JUNE 24 DECIDED TO CLOSE RADIO LIBERDADE JUNE 30, WITH SECRETARIAT OF EMIGRATION PROGRAMMING HENCEFORTH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RDP-PREPARED BROADCASTS. RDP TOOK OVER DEUTSCHE WELLE ANTENNA TIME PREVIOUSLY USED BY RADIO LIBERDADE. THE GOP MOVE WAS ANNOUNCED IN JULY 12 OFFICIAL GAZETTE, "DIARIO DA REPUBLICA."
- 4. COMMENT: GOP IN ONE FELL SWOOP ELIMINATED DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND OUTLET FOR UNDESIRABLE POLITICAL POLEMIC.
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